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Interview Summary	Application No. 08/870,386	Applicant(s) Hamapapur et al.
	Examiner Anand Rao	Group Art Unit 2713

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Anand Rao _____ (3) _____

(2) Mr. John Carson (#34,303) _____ (4) _____

Date of Interview Jul 18, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to _____ applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-23 (and soon to be added claim 24)

Identification of prior art discussed:

US Patent 5,767,922 to Zabih et al., (hereinafter referred to as "Zabih").

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The following was discussed. After a further review of the Zabih reference it was determined the claimed method of the instant invention as reviewed in a proposed amendment overcomes the art of record, and would place the application in a favorable consideration for allowance, pending the entry of said amendment in a formal response. It is noted that in particular, the claims of the instant invention stress the operative limitation of "not updating the reference frame while going through a sequence of more than two frames, until the identification of a key frame has been made." This is feature is different from Zabih which constantly updates the reference frame even when identifying scene breaks over more than two frames (Zabih: figure 7).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

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2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. As per the Applicant's instructions filed in Paper 15 on 7/14/00, claim 24 has been added.
2. Claims 1-24 as filed in Paper 15 filed on 7/14/00 are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 8, 18, 23 and 24 recite the novel limitation of identifying a current frame as a key frame if the chromatic (first) difference measure exceeds a (first) chromatic threshold and a (second) structure difference measure exceeds a (second) structural threshold, otherwise selecting a new current frame and repeating the identifying step until a key frame is identified, as in claims 1, 8, 18, 23, and 24, which is not shown nor obvious from the art of record. Dependent claims 2-7, 9-17, 19-22 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand S. Rao whose telephone number is (703)-305-4813.

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August 17, 2000

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